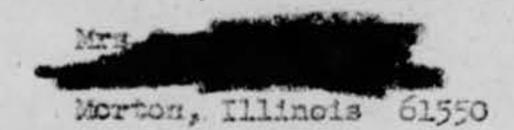
1. DATE - THE GROUP	2. LOCATION
4 January 1965 04/093	Z Morton, Illinois
3. SOURCE	istronomical (188)
Civilian	
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS	
One	
S. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION	Coject high in SE sky observed for at least 1/2 hour. Object moved about in sky to a maximum of 5 degrees without regularity. Changed in brilliance and color at least 3 times. Increased in size every second or two. COTENES: Sighting descriptive of Star/Plantes observation. Planet MARS was at the approximate position of the reported object. MARS was high in the sky in the SE at 0330 AM Local time. Having risen at 2330. Stellar magnitude on 4 Jan was 40.4.
30 Minutes	
4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION	
7. COURSE	
Stationary	
3. PHOTOS	
D Yes EXNo	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE	
D Yes ZENo	

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FTD (TDEW) Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio 45433 15 January 1965



Dear Mrs

Your recent report to the United States Air Force of an observation of January 4th, of this year, is similar to many reports received by this office of the planet Mars.

On 4 January 1965, at 0330 am, Mars was high in the sky to the southeast. This planet appears low on the horizon in the East at approximately 1130 pm and climbs slowly at a rate of 15 degrees per hour. The variation in color, size and apparent motion can be attributed to atmospheric conditions. The planet Mars will be in the approximate location of your observation throughout the remainder of January and February. The stellar magnitude on the 4th of January 1965 was 40.4. This planet will continue to increase in brilliance throughout January and February.

The Air Force wishes to thank you for your interest in unidentified flying objects and your comprehensive report.

Sincerely,

HECTOR QUINTANILLA, Jr. Major, USAF Chief, Project Blue Book

